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SUBJ: COSTA RICAN PUBLIC REACTION TO NICARAGUAN FRONTIER
INCURSION

1. COSTA RICANS REACTED OVERWHELMINGLY AND WITH UNANIMOUS
INDIGNATION AGAINST THE 12 SEPTEMBER AERIAL INCURSION BY THE
NICARAGUAN NATIONAL GUARD INTO COSTA RICAN TERRITORY. SOMOZA'S
PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENT THE SAME DAY QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY
OF COSTA RICAN DEMOCRACY REINFORCED THE PUBLIC CLAMOR. EDITORIAL
COMMENT AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY LEADING FIGURES ACROSS MOST OF
POLITICAL SPECTRUM IS ANTI-SOMOZA, IN FAVOR OF HIS OUSTER AND
(EXCEPT FOR MORE LEFT ELEMENTS) INCREASINGLY IN SUPPORT OF SOME
KIND OF MULTILATERAL ACTION THROUGH THE OAS.

2. SYMBOLIC WAS THE ACTIVITY TUESDAY OF FORMER PRESIDENT JOSE
FIGUERES, WHO VISITED PRESIDENT CARAZO, OFFERED HIS SERVICES,
AND THEN MET HIM NEAR THE NICARAGUAN FRONTIER. SPEAKING TO THE
PRESS, DON PEPE PRAISED CARAZO FOR HIS PRUDENCE, SUPPORTED THE
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GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS, AND PREDICTED THAT "IF SOMOZA DOESN'T
RESIGN, THERE WILL BE A BLOODBATH". SIMILAR MESSAGES OF SUPPORT
AND ANTI-SOMOZA SENTIMENT REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE
PRESIDENCY FROM A WIDE RANGE OF COSTA RICANS, MANY OF WHOM
APPARENTLY HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR TEMPORARY CIVIL GUARD DUTY OR
HAVE SUSPENDED TRAVEL PLANS TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY DURING WHAT
IS PERCEIVED AS A GENUINE NATIONAL CRISIS. (IN A RELATED DEVELOP-

MENT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTER RAFAEL ANGEL CALDERON HAD BEEN RECALLED FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA AND HAD BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON BY PRESIDENT CARAZO; HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON THE 13TH. FORMER FONMIN FACIO CALLED AMBASSADOR TO ADVISE HE HAD OFFERED CARAZO HIS SERVICES, IN WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY, TO HELP OUT.)

3. THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PASSED FOUR RESOLUTIONS TUESDAY: A LIBERATION PARTY - PROPOSED, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, CONDEMNATION OF THE "MASSACRE" UNDERTAKEN BY THE NICARAGUAN ARMED FORCES AND EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE NICARAGUANS IN THEIR QUEST FOR "A REPUBLICAN, FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT." ANOTHER, PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT COALITION AND APPROVED BY ALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TWO DEPUTIES OF PUEBLO UNIDO (COMMUNIST), CONDEMNED THE NICARAGUAN "AGRESSION" AND SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS "IN DEFENSE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND PEACE OF COSTA RICA". (THE COMMUNISTS OBJECTED TO THIS LAST PART WHICH, THEY CLAIMED, COULD LEAD TO AN UNDEMOCRATIC AND ANTI-FSLN FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN COSTA RICA.) ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA; AND THE FOURTH APPEALED TO THE WORLD PARLIAMENTARY CONGRESS, NOW MEETING IN BONN, FOR A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE NICARAGUAN ACTIONS.

4. ANTI-SOMOZA, PRO-FSLN (AND ALSO ANTI-FOREIGN/IMPERIALIST "INTERVENTION") DEMONSTRATIONS WERE STAGED TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING AT THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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THE LATTER, ACTUALLY PLANNED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE, WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAN JOSE AND ELSEWHERE PROCLAIMING ACTIVE SOLIDARITY WITH THE FORCES FIGHTING SOMOZA.

5. MORNING DAILIES EDITORIALIZED AND COMMENTATORS COMMENTED AGAINST INCURSION AND SOMOZA. LA NACION TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO AFFIRM ITS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR THE VENEZUELAN OAS INITIATIVE AND LAMENTED THAT TIME HAD BEEN LOST BEFORE MS GOCR FINALLY DECIDED TO ABANDON THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN FAVOR OF OAS ACTION.
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